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Overall orientation

3.1 General and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control remains the ultimate goal of all efforts exerted in the field of disarmament. The main responsibilities for disarmament lie with Member States. The United Nations, in accordance with its Charter, has a central role and primary responsibility in supporting Member States in this area.

3.2 The mandate for the programme derives from the priorities established in relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions in the field of disarmament, including the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament (resolution S-10/2). The programme is also guided by the United Nations Millennium Declaration (resolution 55/2) and takes into account other relevant resolutions of the United Nations. Weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be of primary concern to the Organization owing to their destructive power and the threat that they pose to humanity. Conventional weapons, especially with regard to major weapons systems, small arms, light weapons, landmines and cluster munitions, have received increased attention from the international community in view of the havoc that such weapons are inflicting on peoples' daily lives, in particular in conflict-ridden regions.

3.3 Within the Secretariat, substantive responsibility for the programme is vested in the Office for Disarmament Affairs. The Office's strategy in meeting the programme's objectives is designed around five subprogrammes and is based on its role in and responsibility for facilitating and encouraging, as appropriate, disarmament and non-proliferation measures at all levels. The Office will continue to assist Member States in promoting, strengthening and consolidating multilaterally negotiated principles and norms in all areas of disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects. It will support efforts of Member States in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects in order to help promote international peace and security and contribute to global efforts against terrorism. In order to do so effectively, the Office will enhance its capacity for more in-depth analysis, keeping track of developments in those areas, and will provide Member States with timely and practical advice, as requested. It will continue to assist Member States in their efforts towards international regulation of the arms trade. Moreover, the Office will facilitate and promote efforts for further implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, as well as practical disarmament measures. Increasingly, the need to address other dimensions of the issue of illicit small arms, such as the nexus between this issue and development, is being felt. The Office will promote transparency, based on the principle of undiminished security for all, and confidence-building measures in the field of disarmament. Through its regional centres for peace and disarmament, the Office will assist Member States in promoting regional approaches to disarmament, non-proliferation in all its aspects and regional and international peace and security. It will also continue to contribute to efforts to enhance disarmament expertise in Member States, in particular in developing countries.

3.4 The Office will seek to achieve the objectives of the programme by facilitating the process of multilateral deliberation and negotiation. This will include providing substantive organizational support to the First Committee, the Disarmament

Commission and other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly, the Conference on Disarmament and its subsidiary bodies, review conferences and other meetings of parties to multilateral disarmament agreements, as well as to expert groups mandated by the General Assembly. This will also include monitoring and assessing current and future trends in the field of disarmament, non-proliferation in all its aspects and international security.

3.5 The Office will continue to be a source of impartial and factual information on disarmament and security-related matters for Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and regional organizations and non-governmental organizations, and it will expand its educational outreach programmes. Training and advisory services will continue to be provided, through the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), to Member States, in particular developing countries, to enable them to enhance their expertise in disarmament, so that they may participate more effectively in international deliberating and negotiating forums. The Office will also assist Member States in increasing understanding of the relationship between disarmament and development.

3.6 Gender mainstreaming will continue to be an integral part of the activities of the programme through the continued implementation of a plan of action aimed at raising awareness and increasing commitment to and capacity for gender mainstreaming in disarmament affairs.

Subprogramme 1
Multilateral negotiations on arms limitation and disarmament

Objective of the Organization: To support multilateral negotiations and deliberations on agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, and provide support as required by States parties to the existing multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements in those areas

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective support to negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament and in conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral agreements on arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, at the organizational, procedural and substantive levels	(a) (i) Increased acknowledgements by presidents and chairs of subsidiary bodies and by Member and Observer States of the Conference on Disarmament of the effectiveness of substantive and procedural support and the efficiency of organizational services (ii) Increased acknowledgements by chairs of conferences and meetings of States parties, as well as individual States parties and other participants to those events, of the effectiveness of substantive and procedural support and the efficiency of organizational services

(b) Effective support to timely implementation of decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation agreements	(b) (i) Increased reporting by States parties on their steps to implement treaty obligations, decisions, recommendations and programmes of action, as required (ii) Increased provision of information by States parties for populating the databases mandated under multilateral disarmament agreements (iii) The number of visits to and page views on the Branch's website
(c) Enhanced expertise of Member States in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation through the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme, as well as improved gender balance in the participation in the programme	(c) (i) Increased percentage of Member States, in particular developing countries, interested in the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme (ii) Increased number of alumni of the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme in the United Nations bodies, meetings and conferences dealing with disarmament and non-proliferation (iii) Increased percentage of female participants in the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme

Strategy

3.7 The subprogramme is implemented by the Conference on Disarmament Secretariat and Conference Support Branch at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The objective of the subprogramme will be pursued by:

(a) Providing organizational and substantive support, including sound advice on historical background, procedures and practices, to the Conference on Disarmament and to conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral arms limitation and disarmament agreements;

(b) Assisting Member States in consensus-building by providing timely and comprehensive information, including political analyses and policy and procedural options;

(c) Supporting the implementation of treaty obligations, as well as decisions, recommendations and programmes of action adopted by the conferences and meetings of States parties to various multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms-limitation agreements;

(d) Providing specialized training in the field of arms limitation and disarmament, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, to Member States, in particular developing countries, through the United Nations disarmament

fellowship, training and advisory services programme, and promoting gender-balanced participation in the Programme;

(e) Monitoring and assessing trends in arms limitation, disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects in order to provide Member States and international and non-governmental organizations participating in United Nations disarmament-related conferences and meetings with timely and accurate information;

(f) Assisting Member States in capacity-building through substantive support to various disarmament-related activities, including workshops, seminars, ad hoc presentations and advisory services.

Subprogramme 2
Weapons of mass destruction

Objective of the Organization: To promote and support the efforts for disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery and to assist Member States, at their request, in supporting existing treaties and mandates related to weapons of mass destruction

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective and enhanced facilitation of the process of negotiations, deliberations and consensus-building on disarmament issues, including non-proliferation in all its aspects, delivery systems and outer space, and issues of universality relating to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons by Member States and States parties at their request	(a) (i) Degree of satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of organizational and substantive services provided (ii) Increased number of requests for expertise to support negotiations, deliberations, consensus-building and implementation efforts
(b) Enhanced knowledge, understanding and multilateral cooperation within the existing mandates, as well as ability to respond to challenges relating to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, as well as biological and chemical weapons, including the acquisition and use of weapons of mass destruction by non-State actors	(b) (i) Increased number of requests to the Branch for assistance and substantive input and advice on issues related to the work of the Branch (ii) Number of visits to and page views of the Branch's website (iii) Number of requests from Member States and international and regional organizations for the provision of support at events/seminars aimed at enhancing capacity and assistance in their implementation of obligations relating to disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery

Strategy

3.8 The subprogramme is implemented by the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch. The objective of the subprogramme will be pursued by:

(a) Assisting and supporting Member States in their negotiations, deliberations and consensus-building in the area of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, and on their means of delivery, as well as assisting Member States, at their request, in their endeavours in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and universalization of multilateral agreements, including global efforts against terrorism;

(b) Assisting and supporting States parties and other interested States, at their request, in their efforts to achieve the full implementation and universalization of multilateral agreements related to weapons of mass destruction in particular nuclear weapons;

(c) Enhancing cooperation in accordance with existing arrangements with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, as well as expanding interaction with civil society, in particular research and academic institutions and non-governmental organizations working in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and delivery systems;

(d) Monitoring and assessing of current and future trends in the area of weapons of mass destruction with a view to achieving enhanced capacity to provide timely and accurate information and analysis;

(e) Participating in international seminars and workshops in response to rising demand from Member States and international and regional organizations;

(f) Providing more timely and comprehensive analysis and policy options on a wide range of current and emerging disarmament issues in order to build consensus.

Subprogramme 3
Conventional arms (including practical disarmament measures)

Objective of the Organization: To promote greater mutual confidence among Member States in the field of conventional arms and facilitate their efforts in deliberations on the regulation and limitation of conventional weapons

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective facilitation of implementation by Member States of the 2001 Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects using available tools	(a) Degree of satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of organizational and substantive services provided

(b) Effective assistance to Member States in following up on the 2012 arms trade treaty process	(b) Degree of satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of organizational and substantive services provided
(c) Effective facilitation of the participation by Member States in the United Nations instruments on confidence-building measures in military and security matters and further development of the scope of such instruments	(c) Degree of satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of organizational and substantive services provided

Strategy

3.9 The subprogramme is implemented by the Conventional Arms Branch. The objective of the subprogramme will be pursued by:

(a) Promoting and supporting the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects;

(b) Promoting and supporting the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons;

(c) Providing effective assistance to Member States in following up on the 2012 arms trade treaty process;

(d) Supporting efforts of the United Nations system to address the challenges posed by the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons by enhancing the effectiveness of the Coordinating Action on Small Arms mechanism;

(e) Supporting United Nations efforts to enhance cooperation with regard to the issue of ammunition for conventional arms stockpiles in surplus;

(f) Supporting United Nations efforts to prevent and reduce armed violence;

(g) Promoting and supporting the United Nations Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures;

(h) Promoting and supporting the continued operation and further development of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and facilitating progress towards universal participation;

(i) Identifying emerging issues and challenges in the field of conventional weapons and analysing their possible impact on international peace and security;

(j) Analysing and assessing trends and developments related to global military expenditures and the arms trade;

(k) Providing advisory services, at the request of the Governments, to monitor and evaluate the implementation of existing and future practical disarmament projects.

Subprogramme 4
Information and outreach

Objective of the Organization: To increase understanding and knowledge of Member States and the public on disarmament issues

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased utilization and improved access to information and education materials of the Office for Disarmament Affairs	(a) (i) Increased percentage of users indicating usefulness of disarmament materials (ii) The number of visits and page views on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs
(b) Timely access to factual and objective information by end-users through print and electronic means regarding various aspects of disarmament	(b) Increased percentage of information materials made available within the prescribed deadlines

Strategy

3.10 The subprogramme is implemented by the Information and Outreach Branch. The objective of the subprogramme will be pursued by:

(a) Continuing to carry out information and outreach activities in cooperation with other relevant departments within the United Nations Secretariat, notably the Department of Public Information;

(b) Enhancing the work of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, including through periodic reviews of working methods and composition;

(c) Implementing and promoting the recommendations of the 2002 United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education in cooperation with or by relevant United Nations offices, disarmament-related international organizations and regional organizations, as well as with civil society organizations, especially non-governmental and academic organizations;

(d) Furthering collaboration with UNIDIR;

(e) Enhancing the use of electronic media for the dissemination and exchange of information, in particular by developing specialized web pages for end-users, including delegations, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and institutions, the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, researchers and educators, civil society, especially representatives of non-governmental organizations, the media and the general public;

(f) Facilitating the participation of civil society, especially non-governmental organizations, in disarmament-related conferences and meetings in accordance with established rules of procedure, including access to meetings, documentation, the organization of oral presentations, the holding of special events and the mounting of exhibits.

Subprogramme 5
Regional disarmament

Objective of the Organization: To promote and enhance international efforts towards global disarmament and international peace and security through the support and promotion of regional disarmament efforts and initiatives using approaches freely arrived at among the States of the region and taking into account the legitimate requirements of States for self-defence and the specific characteristics of each region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective facilitation of regional cooperation, coordination and collaboration among States and regional and subregional organizations in matters related to disarmament, non-proliferation in all its aspects and regional and international peace and security	(a) Degree of satisfaction with the quality and timeliness of organizational and substantive services provided
(b) Greater cooperation, within each region and subregion, between the Office for Disarmament Affairs and States and international, regional and subregional organizations in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects as well as regional and international peace and security	(b) (i) Degree of satisfaction with the quality of advisory, organizational and substantive services provided by the Regional Disarmament Branch at the regional, subregional and national levels (ii) Increased number of requests for assistance from Member States and regional and subregional organizations
(c) Enhanced capacity of national, subregional and regional entities to implement measures related to disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects as well as regional and international peace and security measures	(c) The number of actions taken by the Regional Disarmament Branch to assist national, subregional and regional entities in implementing measures related to disarmament non-proliferation in all its aspects

Strategy

3.11 The subprogramme is implemented by the Regional Disarmament Branch, comprising the Regional Activities Unit, the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, the Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The objective of the subprogramme will be pursued by:

(a) Promoting regional cooperation among States and regional and subregional organizations in matters related to disarmament, non-proliferation in all its aspects and regional and international peace and security;

(b) Promoting understanding of regional and subregional disarmament;

(c) Providing advice, information and assistance to Member States, at their request, as well as to regional organizations and arrangements and non-governmental organizations;

(d) Supporting national, regional and subregional implementation of existing multilateral instruments and resolutions on disarmament and non-proliferation in all its aspects;

(e) Undertaking advocacy in all areas of disarmament at the regional and subregional levels;

(f) Supporting the capacity-building of national, subregional and regional entities in the implementation of disarmament, non-proliferation in all its aspects and regional and international peace and security measures through hands-on assistance to entities at their request.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

S-10/2	Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly
38/183 O	Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies
42/37 C	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol and to support the conclusion of a chemical weapons convention
42/38 C	Notification of nuclear tests
44/116 O	Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof
47/54 G	Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session
58/50	Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons
59/81	The Conference on Disarmament decision (CD/1547) of 11 August 1998 to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices
59/95	Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee
60/55	Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements
60/68	Addressing the negative humanitarian and development impact of the illicit manufacture, transfer and circulation of small arms and light weapons and their excessive accumulation
60/73	Preventing the risk of radiological terrorism
61/67	Declaration of a fourth disarmament decade

62/40	Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of man-portable air defence systems
62/272	The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy
63/55	Missiles
63/63	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia
64/35	International Day against Nuclear Tests
64/36	Convention on Cluster Munitions
64/47	Renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons
64/52	Second Conference of the States Parties and Signatories of Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia
65/40	Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)
65/49	Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia
65/51	Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol
65/55	Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium
65/58	Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas
65/61	Bilateral reductions of strategic nuclear arms and the new framework for strategic relations
65/63	Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms
65/66	Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament
65/67	Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures
65/68	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities
65/69	Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control
65/70	Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status
65/71	Decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems
65/73	The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation
65/74	Preventing the acquisition by terrorists of radioactive sources
65/75	Preventing and combating illicit brokering activities
65/77	United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education
65/81	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme
65/82	United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services

65/127	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
65/236	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
66/20	Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures
66/21	Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament
66/22	Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace
66/23	African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty
66/24	Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security
66/25	Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East
66/26	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons
66/27	Prevention of an arms race in outer space
66/28	Follow-up to nuclear disarmament obligations agreed to at the 1995 and 2000 and 2010 Review Conferences of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
66/29	Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction
66/30	Relationship between disarmament and development
66/31	Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control
66/32	Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation
66/33	2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its Preparatory Committee
66/34	Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them
66/35	Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction
66/36	Regional disarmament
66/37	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels
66/38	Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context
66/39	Transparency in armaments

66/40	Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments
66/41	National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology
66/42	Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus
66/43	Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)
66/44	Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices
66/45	United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons
66/46	Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*
66/47	The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects
66/48	Reducing nuclear danger
66/49	Compliance with non-proliferation, arms limitation and disarmament agreements and commitments
66/50	Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction
66/51	Nuclear disarmament
66/52	Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes
66/53	United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament
66/54	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
66/55	Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa
66/56	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific
66/57	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons
66/58	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa
66/59	Report of the Conference on Disarmament
66/60	Report of the Disarmament Commission
66/61	The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East
66/62	Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects

66/63	Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region
66/64	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
66/65	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction
66/66	Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations

General Assembly decisions

54/418	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
60/519	International instrument to enable States to identify and trace, in a timely and reliable manner, illicit small arms and light weapons
63/520	United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament
65/515	Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe
66/513	Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification
66/514	Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security
66/515	Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament
66/516	Missiles
66/517	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities
66/518	The arms trade treaty
66/519	Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2012

Security Council resolutions

1325 (2000)	Women and peace and security
1540 (2004)	Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
1887 (2009)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6191st meeting, on 24 September 2009 (high-level summit on nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation)
1977 (2011)	Extension of the mandate of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)